

WELCOME



*I'd like to take a moment to **welcome** you to the **St. Charles Parish Info Tour**. Whether you're new to the parish or a life-long resident, I hope this tour gives you **valuable insight** into the everyday workings of parish government and infrastructure.*

*These facilities belong to you. Their construction and ongoing maintenance is funded by your taxpayer dollars. They're the critical part of our infrastructure that deliver **clean water, flood protection, wastewater treatment** and much more. We at parish government take pride in providing these services, and we want you to know how much we **appreciate your support**.*

Please feel free to ask questions of your tour guides. This valuable information will guide our public information efforts well into the future. Thank you for attending!

– V.J. St. Pierre, Parish President



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**BEHIND
THE
SCENES
OF PARISH
GOVERNMENT**



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

- Staffed 24/7 by coordinators in contact with industry and first responders.
- New EOC is 13,000 square feet and can withstand winds of up to 200 mph.
- Construction approved by the Parish Council at \$5.8 million.
- Example of a local-state-federal-private partnership, with SCP contributing 44% of the funding, FEMA contributing 23%, the state of Louisiana contributing 18% and Dow contributing 15%.
- In the last eight years, EOC has activated 88 times in response to emergencies, with lower level incidents occurring weekly.
- EOC staff participates in numerous exercises, including Waterford 3 drills, National Guard rescue drills, and more.

ST. CHARLES PARISH ANIMAL SHELTER

- 8,800 square feet with a \$1.5 million construction cost.
- Built to combat disease, with areas for isolation, quarantine and adoptable animals.
- Features 40 dog runs, 83 cat cages and 17 recovery cages.
- Features ample medical rooms for veterinarian care.
- Partial funding in the amount of \$300,000 from the Louisiana Department of the Treasury utilized for the building.
- Low cost spaying and neutering is available for those who quality through the St. Charles Humane Society.
- In conjunction with SCHS, an average of about 400 animals are adopted from the shelter each year.

DESTREHAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

- Plant processes wastewater (sewage) from all homes and businesses on the East Bank.
- Rehab work recently completed to repair corrosion from H₂S (hydrogen sulfide) gas.
- Concrete walls have received new lining.
- Rotary screens, along with their new base plates and flexible couplings installed; decking repaired.
- Repair Phases I and II completed at a cost \$618,450 combined.

NEW SARPY WATER PLANT

- Installed two new clarification units, control room building and chemical feed building.
- Increases total water production capacity on east bank to 13 million gallons per day.
- Along with two under-river crossings, project ensures dependability of water supply during emergencies.
- Total cost is \$26 million.
- Nearly 400 miles of waterlines deliver water to homes and businesses in SCP.
- Meter readers visit about 250,000 locations each year.
- Waterworks operates with a staff of approximately 50.
- Under river crossings allow parish to borrow water from East Bank should an emergency occur.

CROSS BAYOU PUMP STATION

- Project of Pontchartrain Levee District; operated by St. Charles Parish workers.
- Located along the East Bank Hurricane Protection Levee.
- Contains five 250 cubic-feet-per-second pumps for heavy rain events and one 50 cubic-feet-per-second pump for continuous duty.
- Keeps Airline Highway and large portions of the East Bank dry.
- Completed in November 2011 at a cost of \$18.8 million.
- St. Charles Parish provided automation and telemetry controls.

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